WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A sort system comprising:

2   a sort controller receiving a plurality of

3   information items regarding content,

4   wherein the sort controller sorts the information

5   items using a current user task context and a content type

6   for the information items to select one or more sort keys

7   for sorting the information items.

     2.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

     selected sort keys are derived from user sorting

     preferences for the current user task context and the

     content type.

1   3.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2   selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3   the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4   nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5   primary sort key selected by the user.

1   4.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein a

2   change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3   change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   5.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2   plurality of information items are displayed in an order

3   determined by the sort controller together with a user

4   control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values

5   under the primary sort key.

1   6.   An audio/video receiver comprising:

2   an input for receiving content and a plurality of

3   information items regarding the content; and

4   a   sort   controller   receiving   and   sorting   the

5   information items using a current user task context and a

6   content type for the information items to select one or

7   more sort keys for sorting the information items.

8   7.   The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

9   wherein the selected sort keys are derived from user

10   sorting preferences for the current user task context and

11   the content type.

12   8.   The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

13   wherein the selected sort keys include a primary sort key

14   selected by the user and a secondary sort key selected

15   based on a nature of the current user task context inferred

16   from the primary sort key selected by the user.

1   9.   The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2   wherein a change in the current user task context is

3   inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   10. The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2   wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in

3   an order determined by the sort controller together with a

4   user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent

5   values under the primary sort key.

1   11.   A sorting method comprising:

2   receiving content and a plurality of information

3   items regarding the content; and

4   sorting the information items using a current

5   user task context and a content type for the information

6   items to select one or more sort keys for sorting the

7   information items.

        12.   The method according to claim 11, wherein the

        selected   sort   keys   are   derived   from   user   sorting

        preferences   for   the   current   user   task   context   and   the

        content type.

        13.   The method according to claim 11, wherein the

        selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3   the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4   nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5   primary sort key selected by the user.

1   14.   The method according to claim 11, wherein a

2   change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3   change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   15. The method according to claim 11, further

2   comprising:

3   displaying the plurality of information items are

4   displayed in an order determined by sorting using the

5   primary and secondary sort keys together with a user

6   control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values

7   under the primary sort key.

1   16. A signal comprising:

2   an ordered listing of information items,

3   wherein the ordered listing is derived by sorting

4   a plurality of information items using a current user task

5   context and a content type for the information items to

6   select one or more sort keys for sorting the information

7   items.

1   17. The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2   selected   sort   keys   are   derived   from   user   sorting

3   preferences   for   the   current   user   task   context   and   the

4   content type.

1   18. The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2   selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3   the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4   nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5   primary sort key selected by the user.

1   19. The signal according to claim 16, wherein a

2   change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3   change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   20. The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2   ordered listing is adapted for generating a display of the

3   ordered listing of information items in an order determined

4   by sorting using the primary and secondary sort keys

5   together with a user control calibrated to groupings having

6   equivalent values under the primary sort key.